

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: George FREY Title: DISTRACTION AND RETRACTION SYSTEM FOR SPINAL SURGERY Application No.: 10/720,656 Filed: November 24, 2003 Customer No.: 88513	Confirmation No. 4638 Examiner: Ann M. Schillinger Art Unit: 3774 <u>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION</u>
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Commissioner For Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2010, Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.